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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$50,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.
do. 6 do. do. 4%.
do. 3 do. do. 3%.
do. Current Accounts 2%.

For rates of interest for other periods apply to the MANAGERS.

Hongkong, October 30, 1891. 1073

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THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
E. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

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Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1363

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6% on LOANS against Shares with full margin.

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Intimations.

DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE Fourth Regular MEETING of the Season of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 6th Instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, November 2, 1891. 2076

MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY, (Largest Collieries in Japan.)

THE Undersigned are always prepared to SUPPLY with MIKE COAL, BUNKERS of STEAMERS in any place in the Harbour at short NOTICE. FRESH COAL always on hand and therefore quality GUARANTEED.

Contract for Supplies for Six Months or longer can be arranged, and for Prices and Terms, apply to

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Sales Agents.

Tel. Add.—“Mitsui,” Hongkong. 2068

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that INTEREST will be CHARGED on CALLS DUE

on Shares of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, Ltd., as and from the 16th Instant in accordance with the Articles of Association.

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Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

CROSERIES & PROVISIONS

PAKED BY GROSSE BLACKWELL & CO., PHILIPPE & CANAUD AND OTHER 1ST CLASS PACKERS.

A Full Stock of FRESH STORES always on Hand.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on 1st OCTOBER, 1891. Attention is called to the NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

Printed Lists and Pass Books sent, Post Free, to any address.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

1844

HOANGKONG, September 26, 1891.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
Praya and Queen's Road Central

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB.

THE above CLUB will give a
PERFORMANCE
ON
THURSDAY, 12th of Nov.
AND ON
SATURDAY, 14th of Nov.,
OF
'THE SNOWBALL,'
(III ACT COMEDY BY SYDNEY GRUNDY).

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. CHATER and the Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders will perform during the Evening.

Tickets can be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and after Monday, the 9th of November, at 11 a.m.

PRICES:—\$2 and \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors (in Uniform) 25 Cents
to the Back Seats.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.
Performance to commence at 9 p.m.
Hongkong, November 3, 1891. 2087

INSURANCES.

THE NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of \$100,000 on First-class Risks at current rates.

DUNN, MELEYE & Co.

Hongkong, September 19, 1891. 1802

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1891. 1340

Mails.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID,
MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;
ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSLIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENSILVA and ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship FAYENNE, Captain E. CREWE, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this port for HOMBAK, (connecting with the S.S. CLYDE, at that port, which Vessel takes her Cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving BOMBAY on the 5th DECEMBER), on THURSDAY, the 11th November, at NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silks and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at COLOMBO; Tea and General Cargo for London will be convoyed via BOMBAY.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENSILVA and ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLES.

E. A. HEWITT,
for Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, October 30, 1891. 2060

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN and HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIK PORTS;

ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON SATURDAY, the 21st day of November, 1891, at 8 p.m., the Company's S.S. SACHSEN, Captain H. SUMMER, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, callous of Giro.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 5 p.m. on the 20th November, Cargo will be received on board until 1 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 10 a.m. on the 21st November. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the AGENTS' Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and parties a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELBOURNE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 26, 1891. 2081

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE,
PACIFIC MAIL STREAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG,
City of Peking, WEDNESDAY, Nov. 26.
City of Rio de Janeiro (SATURDAY, Dec. 19,
via Honolulu) TUESDAY, Jan. 12/92.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for SAN
FRANCISCO, via YOKOHAMA, on WED-
NESDAY, the 23rd November, at 1 p.m.,
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To San Francisco, Vancouver, New
Victoria, Esquimalt, New
Westminster, Port Town, \$225.00
send, Seattle, Tacoma, Port
land, O.

To Liverpool and London \$325.00

To Paris and Bremen \$34.00

To Havre and Hamburg \$35.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to

England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Special rates (first class) are granted to

Missionaries, members of the Naval

Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services,

to Persons in service of China

and Japan, and to Government officials.

Passengers by this Line have the option of

Proceeding Overland by the Southern

Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific,

Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific

Railways.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid

return tickets to San Francisco will be

issued at following rates:

4 months \$37.50

12 " \$39.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to

date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid their passage

embarking at San Francisco for China or

Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be

allowed a discount of 10% from Return

Fee. The discount does not apply to

Passage fares from China and Japan to

Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-

portation to Yokohama and other Japan

Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and

Indian Oceans of the United States, via

Overland Railways to Havana, TRINIDAD,

and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico,

Central and South America, by the Com-

pany's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4

p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel

Packages will be received at the office until

5 p.m., each day; all Parcel Packages

should be marked to address in full; value

of same is required.

Consular Letters to accompany Cargo

destined to be paid beyond San Francisco

in the United States should be sent to the

Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes

and to the Collector of Customs at San

Francisco.

For further information as to Passag-

ers and Freight, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central,

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 31, 1891. 2065

INTIMATIONS.

WING HONG,
TAILOR, DEAPER & OUTFITTER,

JUST RECEIVED

A LARGE STOCK OF

FANCY FLANNELS, SERGES, SCOTCH
TWEEDS, CHINESE SILKS.

ALL KINDS OF
WINTER WOOLEN CLOTHS on hand.

SELLING AT LOWEST PRICES, etc.

also,
BEST TAILOR WORK AND PERFECT FIT

GUARANTEED

Please call in and try.

68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. 2060

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE.

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES

for GENTLEMEN RESIDENT BOARDERS,

at Kowloon, Victoria View.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1388

BALI PROGRAMMES
FOR SALE,

IN NEW SHAPES AND PATTERNS.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG
AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship

Caledonian, Captain JACKSON, will be

despatched as above on

or about the 13th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 4, 1891. 2094

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship

Glen, Captain JOHN, will be

despatched as above on

or about THURSDAY, the 19th instant.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation

for Passengers, and carries a Doctor

and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 4, 1891. 2093

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LTD.

CHEMISTS, etc.

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WINES AND SPIRITS.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

WHITE CAPULE, F.O.S.—A Blend of the

Finest Whiskies produced in Scot-

land, matured in Sherry Casks for 7

years before bottling.

—Per doz., \$10.00. Bottle

THE CHINA MAIL.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PALESTINE CRUSADE.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Trist, Oct. 6; Iphigenia, Polyphemus, 13; Glorioustide, Gause, 16; Bombay, Phœbe, 23; Melbourne, Prism, Marie Terre, 27; Glenyle, 30.

HOMeward Bound.—Maday, Oct. 9; Radnorshire, 16; Malvern, Agincourt, 23; Glenalton, Kenmar, 27; Dardanus, Dernishire, Lenox, 30.

The O. & C. Co.'s. "Bolice," with the American Mail, of Sept. 29, left Yokohama on Friday, Oct. 30th, at daylight, and may be expected here on about Thursday, the 7th Nov.

The M. M. Co.'s. steamship "Salacie," with the French Mail of the 2nd Oct., left Saigon on Wednesday, the 4th Nov., at 10 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 7th Nov. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Aug. 26th.

The P. & O. Co.'s. "Roxita," with the English Mail of Oct. 10, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at 2.30 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 8th Nov.

The Canadian Pacific Railway steamship "Empress of India" left Vancouver for Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong on 25th Oct.

The Glen Line steamship "Glenerry," from London and Straits, left Singapore on 2nd Nov., and may be expected here on or about the 8th Nov.

The Ben Line steamship "Bendix," from London and Antwerp, left Singapore on Nov. 2, and may be expected here on or about Nov. 9.

The P. & O. Co.'s. steamship "Venetia" left Yokohama on 28th Inst. for Hongkong via Kobe and Nagasaki.

The P. & O. Co.'s. steamship "Venetia" left Bombay on Oct. 27th for this port.

The P. & O. Co.'s. "Bomby" left London for this port on Oct. 4th.

The M. M. steamer "Salacie" left Saigon to-day at 2 p.m. for Hongkong and is due on Saturday.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Company informs us that the Company's s. a. "Roxita" left Singapore for this port on 3rd Inst., at 2.30 p.m., with the next English mail.

The meeting of the Legislative Council has been postponed till Monday, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m. The postponement should enable the unofficial members to complete their study of the Merchant Shipping Bill and to come up prepared to tackle that bulky measure.

The many friends of Major-General Gordon will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed Captain Superintendent of Police at Hongkong, vice Mr. W. M. Duane, retired on pension. General Gordon, whose leave expires next January, will, we presume, assume his appointment early in the year. This renders the post of Superintendent of the Gool vacant.

Of course it is impossible to effect a revolution in our opium policy in a few weeks. The change requires much consideration, and Mr. Whitehead was wise to recognise that a far for a short period is a necessary evil. His request that the period should be limited to two or even three years was very moderate, and the Government, in refusing to amend the section of the Bill which enables the Governor to make the duration of the farm indefinitely long, adopted an obstinate, obstructive course.

How feeble is the position of the Government, may be gathered from the following extract from the Acting Colonial Secretary's speech:— "I was somewhat surprised after the eloquent speech of the hon. member in which he declaimed against the evils of the use of opium and suggested that the Government was degrading itself by associating itself directly or indirectly with this opinion, that he should propose to grant the farmer a monopoly for two years. If the whole thing is so very wrong, surely the Government should leave it alone, altogether." Evidently, the Colonial Secretary wished Mr. Whitehead to take up an impracticable attitude and was non-plussed because he was so reasonable.

The estimated expenditure for 1892 is \$1,767,643, being \$81,408 more than the estimates for this year. The increases in the various departments are small and call for little comment. We observe with pleasure that the Sanitary Board's recommendation to increase the salary of the Sanitary Superintendent has been approved. His salary for 1892 is fixed at \$3,600 and he is to receive an increase of \$120 yearly until \$4,800 is reached. In one or two departments there is a slight decrease. The abolition of the post of Architectural Assistant leaves the Surveyor General's Department \$3,300. We suppose the highly economical practice of getting architectural designs done by land surveyors, or road-makers, will be continued. The disestablishment of the Episcopal Church saves the colony about \$4,000, but an attempt to be made to give away more than half of this sum under the presence of "grant for Protestant Chaplain" for the Gool and Hospital, and "grant for general burials, hospitals, &c." for which \$2,100 and \$400 respectively are allotted. If these sums are to be distributed among all the Protestant ministers they may not be "excessive," but if they are to be given to the Episcopal clergy alone, they raise the suspicion that an underhand attempt is being made to partially re-establish Episcopacy.

The Roman Catholic organiser, who does most of the work in the Gool, is only allowed

SENDERS of Christmas and New Year presents are reminded that parcels for the United Kingdom posted before 3 p.m., on Wednesday, November 11th, are due in London on 23rd December. Senders of Parcels are requested to post them a few days in advance.

THE BAND of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square to-morrow, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:—

March 1... "Everland my Home" (Gomas). Lancers... "Trial by Jury".... Godfrey. Valse... "At the Ferry".... D'Albert. Polka... "P. & O."... Buskiss. Quadrille "Fun of the Fair".... Williams. Galop... "Schlafaroff".... Czibulka.

THE Government hopes to get \$100,000 next year from land premium. About half that amount has been realised this year. The gross assessed taxes this year are put down at \$46,916, against \$414,392 last year. The number of empty houses, however, has increased. \$15,000 has been refunded this year, and it is estimated that \$18,000 will have to be refunded next year.

AMONG the new public works included in the estimates are the following:—Road from Plaistow Road to Magazine Gap, \$7,000; improved road from Aberdeen and Woungiechong, \$30,000, of which it is proposed to spend \$5,000 next year; Kowloon new roads, \$10,000, of which the whole is to be spent. We are glad to observe the authorities are giving so much attention to a prime necessity, good roads. The list of extraordinary public works also includes a telegraph cable to Gap Rock, the cost of which is put down at \$86,666.

A MAN named Tsang Chau Ming was charged before Mr. Wise to-day, with having along with others not in custody, stolen a junk. The owner of the junk, who said the defendant was his steersman, told the Magistrate that while his craft was lying at Shaukiwan he went ashore on business and the defendant and the other members of the crew took advantage to clear out with the junk. He saw the craft at Yaukiwan a few days afterwards and got the assistance of the police to recover it. The defendant said there was a man on board very sick and it was necessary to proceed to Macao at once for medical assistance, that being the reason why the junk had been taken away. The sentence was three months' hard labour.

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IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

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Mr. Lush, instructed by Mr. Wilkins, appeared for the plaintiffs. The defendants were not represented.

Mr. Lush said the case was a somewhat extraordinary one. It was a suit by the executors of the will of a man named Leung Cheok to set aside a purchase deed relating to property of which the testator died possessed and a mortgage executed contemporaneously with the purchase deed, on the ground that the purchase deed was a forgery. The plaintiff, Leung Ko Shan, was the widow of Leung Cheok, who was the owner of part of inland lot 12. He died on 12th December, 1888, and the plaintiffs were appointed his executors by his will and on 10th February last, it was alleged, the defendant caused to be procured two deeds purporting to be indorsements of assignment and mortgage relating to the property mentioned. The signature on the deeds purporting to be that of the testator was a forgery, the testator having died previous to the date. The plaintiff therefore asked for a declaration that the purchase deed and mortgage were null and void. The defendant Ho Tim died in 1890.

Leung Cheok was not dead; he was alive at the time mentioned; he was some other person. It is not the owner of the property in question, and if a forgery has been committed by the negligence of the plaintiffs in delaying the enforcement of the will and in several other ways, encouraged and facilitated it. This defendant further stated that the purchase deed and mortgage were null and void.

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THE R. M. S. EMPRESS OF CHINA, 5,900 tons, Captain A. TRIMET, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 10th November, with Her Majesty's Mail, will proceed to VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

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